

Recreational Boating Accident Report Database (BARD)

Overview

The Boating Accident Report Database (BARD) contains data on recreational boating accidents, which are reported to local district offices of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Current regulations (33 CFR 173-4) require the operator of any vessel, numbered or used for recreational purposes to file a Boating Accident Report (BAR) if the vessel is involved in an accident that results in loss of life, personal injury which requires medical treatment beyond first aid, damage to the vessel and other property exceeding \$500, or complete loss of the vessel.

Coverage

BARD contains data from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Availability

First Year	1995
Last Year	2000
Frequency	Annual

Data Tables

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- **Primary:** When and where the accident occurred, weather conditions, day of the week, cause of the accident and whether alcohol was involved.
- **Deceased:** Information on people who died as a result of the accident, such as their age, blood alcohol content, cause of death, whether they were wearing a personal floatation device, and whether they could swim.
- **Injury:** Details of injuries sustained as a result of the accident and treatment given to victims.
- **Vessel:** Boat model, registration number, etc.; boat operator date of birth, blood alcohol content and gender; and type of activity involved in the accident.

Summary Tables

National Transportation Statistics

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Related Links

- [National Safety Council](#)
- [Reserve Training Center Yorktown - National Aids to Navigation School](#)
- [National Association of Boating Law Administrators](#)
- [National Safe Boating Council](#)
- [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - National Water Safety Program](#)
- [Boater Education and Training](#)
- [Best Boating Resources on the Web](#)
- [Boating Safety](#)
- [Boat Review Database](#)
- [BoatSafe](#)
- [Coastie the Miniature Patrol Boat](#)
- [Drowning Prevention Project](#)
- [Boat Buying Guide](#)
- [Marine Patrol Association](#)
- [Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation](#)
- [Safe Marine Transportation \(SMART\) Forum -- University of Washington](#)
- [Vessel Assist Association of America](#)
- [Boaters Against Drunk Driving](#)
- [Canadian Coast Guard College](#)
- [Canadian Coast Guard, Office of Boating Safety Web Site](#)

Data Source & Contacts

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